



State of Wylie

Mayor Eric Hogue presented his annual State of the City address Tuesday, Feb 23, “As for the State of the City,” he began, “the news is outstanding.”

Hogue said Wylie had been named the 25th Best Place to Live in the Country by Money Magazine. “Let’s stop and think about that for a minute. Out of all the cities in the country, 30,044 to be exact, impartial magazine editors evaluated key aspects of our community and ranked Wylie in the top .008 percent.”



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Wylie’s community spirit was noted in the magazine, and Hogue gave examples of that spirit. One involved a city public works employee, Chris Blue, who put forth extra effort to help Waterbrook Bible Fellowship with a water leak – on Christmas Day.

Money had noted Wylie’s desirable location and how it lends itself to indoor and outdoor recreation. The mayor spoke of the mile-long hike and bike trail on the municipal campus, soon to be doubled in size due to a grant from Collin County.

Hogue mentioned the strong partnerships between the city of

He then detailed some of the areas that had impressed Money’s editors, including the community’s fondness for “getting together for good times.” Money listed the Wylie Rodeo, Bluegrass on Ballard and the Pedal Car Races; the mayor added Boo on Ballard, expanded in 2015 to include the magic festival, and the Wylie Arts Festival in December. He then announced that fireworks will be part of the bluegrass festival this year thanks to the sponsorship by Bloomfield Homes.

Wylie and other local organizations, all of which make Wylie greater than the sum of its parts. These include Collin County, Sachse, TxDOT and Collin College, which is considering a campus in Wylie. He mentioned Wylie city officials’ relationship with Congressman Pete Sessions and how it resulted in the EPA cleaning up a piece of property that had been contaminated for 25 years – at no cost to Wylie.

The school district was also mentioned in the Money article. The mayor touched on some of the ways in which the city and schools partner for the benefit of Wylie’s young citizens, including the Shining the Wylie Way awards given by the council to outstanding students, and Wylie Fire Rescue’s interactive fire safety programs presented each October.

The low crime rate was also part of Money’s list: last year, it dropped 28 percent, despite a 6-percent growth in population. Hogue spoke of the Heroes of Wylie sculpture, dedicated on

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March 26 8 am - 4 pm
Wylie Service Center
949 Hensley Lane
(Behind Founders Park)

The City of Wylie and Community Waste Disposal are pleased to announce another X-treme Green Event for the disposal of residential household hazardous waste, electronics, household metal appliances, automotive tires and document shredding. Brush and bulk will not be accepted. For complete details including acceptable items and limits, go to www.WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen.



Mayor Hogue is joined by members of the Wylie East High School Air Force Junior ROTC prior to delivering the State of the City address. L to R: David Anello, Jamie Cutright, Alex Lohmar, Matthew Booe, Nick Mavis, and Callie Clifton.

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Sept. 11 to our public safety personnel. He noted with pride that two of Wylie's most prominent public servants, Police Chief Anthony Henderson and Fire Chief Brent Parker, had moved through the ranks to the top position in their departments.

After hitting the high points of the financial state of the city, including a 13-percent increase in sales tax receipts over 2014 and new businesses coming to town, including LaQuinta Inn and Suites, he noted the low unemployment rate: 3.1 percent. Money had also recognized the 19.1-percent projected job growth in Wylie, compared to a national outlook of 7.4.

"You know, we didn't need Money Magazine to tell us how wonderful our community is," the mayor said in closing. "There is something special here, as everyone gathered today knows.

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A complete transcript of the speech and opening video can be accessed at www.WylieTexas.gov/stateofthecity.

Food Collection to Benefit Armory

Wylie American Legion Auxiliary, East Fork Masonic Lodge, and Wylie Rotary Club are sponsoring a food and supplies drive March 24 through April 1 to benefit the Wylie National Guard Armory.

Collection boxes will be placed in these Wylie locations: Wylie Municipal Complex buildings (city hall, rec center and library), 300 Country Club Rd.; Wylie Public Safety Complex, 2000 N. Hwy. 78; Woodbridge Golf Club, 7400 Country Club Rd.; Walmart Neighborhood Market, 1400 McCreary Rd.; and East Fork Masonic Lodge, 508 Parker Rd.

Needed items include non-perishable food items, baby food and formula, baby wipes, diapers, toiletries, hygiene products, bathroom tissue and paper towels.

The collection is being held in conjunction with the fifth annual 1LT. Robert F. Welch III Run for our Heroes, slated for Saturday, April 2, in Olde City Park.

For more information, to host a collection box, or to arrange a pickup, contact Councilwoman Diane Culver at diane.culver@gmail.com or 817-308-3538.

Teen Court Seeking Applicants

Wylie's newly established Teen Court provides students the opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice system and gain valuable court experience while serving as teen jurors, prosecuting attorneys or defense attorneys. The program, authorized by the Texas State Legislature, enables teens who have pled guilty or no contest to Class C misdemeanors to opt to have their case tried by peers in Teen Court.

Teen Court attorneys will present the state's or defendant's case to a municipal judge and teen jurors, with opening statements, direct examination, cross examination and closing arguments, and then recommend appropriate sentences to the judge.

Interested students must apply by April 15. Participants must be between the ages of 15 and 18, enrolled in school, and willing to commit for one school year. Applications are available online at wylietexas.gov. For more information, contact Juvenile Case Manager Katonya Johnson at 972-429-8085.

Serve on Boards & Commissions

The Wylie City Council is accepting applications to fill expiring or vacant terms on city boards and commissions. The application deadline is Friday, May 15, 2016.

In late May/early June, a three-member Council panel will meet with applicants prior to making their nominations for appointments. All nominations and appointments will be made in open session during a Council meeting.

Go to www.WylieTexas.gov/Boards for details and to apply.

